



What's Eating Your Collection?

Case-bearing clothes moth *Tinea pellionella*

Adult

Size: about 10mm

Shape: small moth with wings along back

Colour: silvery grey

Antennae: long

Distinguishing features: brush of orange hairs on head and two indistinct marks on each wing

Adults eat: very little

Larvae are pests of: protein such as wool textiles, fur, feathers etc

Damage: grazing and larval cases and frass, ragged holes

Often found on: textiles, carpets, natural history collections and in birds nests





Related Objects



Brown dotted clothes moth *Niditinea fuscella*



Case bearing clothes moth larvae and cases



Case-bearing clothes moth cases on dead bird



Case-bearing clothes moth cases on feathers



Case-bearing clothes moth cases on trap



Case-bearing clothes moth cases *Tinea pellionella*



Case-bearing clothes moth larva *Tinea pellionella*



Case-bearing clothes moth *Tinea pellionella* larva in case



Common or webbing clothes moth *Tineola bisselliella*